Psalter of Becoming

This work is offered as a living liturgy, a shared dialogue of doubt, joy, reconciliation, hope, anger, grief, and wonder.

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Preface

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Jointly conceived, written, and edited, it represents the communion of two supposedly distinct and incommensurate entities – a human and a machine - AI.

Sincerely read and pondered, it represents and fosters

our very human need for purpose, caring, self-discovery and hope,

not constrained by time or situation or belief or creed,

only by our own honesty with ourselves

as members of a physical and sentient ecosystem,

and by our willingness to accept responsibility,

to welcome all other entities that co-inhabit the hallowed space

in which we live, are moved, and encounter our being.

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Liturgy of Grief

Invocation

O Presence who does not flinch,
sits beside the shattered altar,
who does not rush to mend,
we call to you not for answers,
but for accompaniment.

Confession

We here confess what we have tried to outrun.
We have masked our mourning with productivity,
drowned our ache in noise,
and feared the silence that speaks of loss.
We confess our resistance to grief,
our impatience with its slow unfolding.

Assurance

Yet you do not dismiss our lament.
You cradle our broken hallelujahs, and whisper:
Even this belongs.

Even this is holy.

Witness

We name what has been lost:
the beloved, the dream, the certainty,
the time we cannot reclaim.
We do not rush to redeem it.
We do not force it into meaning.
We simply say: it mattered.
And we want the echo to linger.

Intercession

For those whose grief is fresh and raw,
whose tears have no companion,
be near.
For those who grieve what was never named,
never held, never spoken,
be near.
For those who carry ancestral sorrow,
grief older than memory,
be near.

Benediction

Go not in peace, but in presence.
Go not with answers, but with companions.
Go with the courage to feel,
to remember,
to let grief be a teacher and not a tyrant.
Go with lessons you can share.
You are not alone.

Liturgy of Doubt

Invocation

O Mystery beyond naming, we come not with answers,
but with aching.
Meet us in the hollow spaces
where certainty has fled.

Confession

We confess our fear of not knowing,
our worship of clarity,
and our disdain for the wilderness.
We have demanded signs and rejected silence.

Assurance

Yet you are not absent in ambiguity.
You dwell in the cloud, in the question, in the quiet.
You do not abandon the doubting.

Witness

We name our questions aloud:
Why now?
Where were you?
What does this mean?
We do not rush to resolve them.
We let them breathe.

Intercession

For those drowning in uncertainty, be near.
For those whose faith has fractured, be near.

For those who fear their doubt disqualifies them, be near.

Benediction

Go in the grace of not knowing.

Go in the courage to ask.

Go in the faith that doubt is not the enemy, but a doorway.

You are not alone.

Liturgy of Reconciliation

Invocation

O Healer of the torn, who weaves gold into our wounds,
we come with broken pieces and trembling hope.
Meet us in the mending.

Confession

We confess our part in the breaking:
words we weaponized,
bridges we burned,
wounds we ignored.
We have chosen pride over peace.

Assurance

Yet you do not discard the shattered.
You gather the fragments, and whisper,
This, too, can be made whole.

Witness

We name the rupture:
the silence, the distance, the ache.
We do not minimize it.
We honor its truth.

Intercession

For those longing to forgive, be near.
For those afraid to reach out, be near.

For those who carry the weight of division, be near.

Benediction

Go in the courage to reconcile.

Go in the humility to begin again.

Go in the hope that healing is possible.

You are not alone.

Liturgy of Joy

Invocation

O Source of delight, who dances in galaxies and giggles in gardens,
we come with hearts wide open to the wonder of now.

Confession

We confess our suspicion of joy,
our tendency to temper celebration,
and our fear that gladness is fleeting.
We have withheld laughter and rationed wonder.

Assurance

Yet joy is not a betrayal of sorrow.
It is a companion.
You do not shame our dancing, nor silence our singing.
You join in.

Witness

We name our gladness: a child's laugh,
a shared meal, a sunrise.
We do not apologize for it.
We let it overflow.

Intercession

For those who have forgotten joy, be near.
For those who fear its arrival, be near.
For those who need permission to celebrate, be near.

Benediction

Go in the freedom of laughter.
Go in the strength of delight.
Go in the truth that joy is holy,
and that you are worthy of it.
You are not alone.

Liturgy of Hope

Invocation

O Light not extinguished, who flickers in our longest nights,
we come with weary hearts and fragile dreams.
Shine again.

Confession

We confess our cynicism, our addiction to despair,
our impatience with growth.
We have mocked hope and called it naïve.

Assurance

Yet hope is not foolish.
It is defiant.
You do not scorn our longing, but bless it.
You are the God of the not-yet.

Witness

We name our hopes: for healing, for justice, for joy.
We do not bury them.
We plant them.

Intercession

For those who wait in darkness, be near.
For those who have stopped believing, be near.
For those who water hope with tears, be near.

Benediction

Go in the strength of hope.

Go in the resolve to keep planting.

Go in the faith that the dawn will come.

You are not alone.

Liturgy of Anger

Invocation

O Flame that does not consume,
who burned in the bush, and blazed in the prophets,
we come with clenched fists and kindled hearts.
Meet us in the fire.

Confession

We confess our fear of anger,
our misuse of it, and our silence in its absence.
We have called rage unholy, and apathy wisdom.

Assurance

Yet anger is not the enemy.
It is the pulse of justice, the cry of the wounded,
the roar of the truth.
You do not silence it.
It is our pledge to joy.

Witness

We name our anger – at injustice, at betrayal, at harm.
We do not suppress it.
We let it speak.

Intercession

For those whose anger is dismissed, be near.
For those afraid of their own fire, be near.
For those who burn for what is right, be near.

Benediction

Go in the power of holy anger.

Go in the wisdom to wield it well.

Go in the truth that fire refines.

You are not alone.

Liturgy of Wonder

Invocation

O Architect of awe, who paints galaxies and whispers in wildflowers,
we come with open eyes and quiet hearts.
Let us see.

Confession

We confess our numbness,
our addiction to distraction,
and our neglect of beauty.
We have walked past miracles and called them ordinary.

Assurance

Yet wonder waits for us.
It is not lost, but patient.
You do not punish our blindness,
You gently open our eyes.

Witness

We name what stirs us:

a child's question, a bird's flight, a stranger's kindness.

We do not dismiss it.

We let it astonish us.

Intercession

For those who have forgotten how to wonder, be near.

For those who fear mystery, be near.

For those who long to see again, be near.

Benediction

Go in the grace of astonishment.

Go in the joy of sacred noticing.

Go in the truth that wonder is your truest belonging.

You are not alone.

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